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E.O. 11652 GDS

TAGS: TPHY XP

SUBJECT: DRILLSHIP GLOMAR CHALLENGER

1. DRILLSHIP GLOMAR CHALLENGER, PRIVATELY OWNED BY GLOBAL MARINE OF LOS ANGELES AND CURRENTLY UNDER CONTRACT TO THE NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION, HAS DEVELOPED TROUBLE WITH VESSEL THRUSTER UNIT. VESSEL CURRENTLY ON SITE JUST OUTSIDE GOP CLAIMED WATERS, AND DUE TO CALL CALLAO ON FEB 3. THRUSTER ESSENTIAL IN MAINTAINING VESSEL POSITION OVER DRILL HOPE DURING DRILLING OPERATIONS. IMPERATIVE THIS UNIT BE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FIXED BEFORE VESSEL COMMENCES ANTARCTIC PORTION (LEGS 35

AND 36) OF DEEP SEA DRILL PROJECT, AS THESE WATERS ROUGHEST  
ENCOUNTERED TO DATE. PROBLEM THOUGHT TO BE SHAFT SEALS;  
SPARES ARE ON HAND. REPAIRS WILL NECESSITATE DRYDOCKING TWO  
DAY MINIMUM - POSSIBLY LONGER. CALLAO AGENTS HAVE  
ADVISED VESSEL THAT GOP NAVY HAS ONLY DRYDOCK WEST COAST  
SOUTH AMERICA CAPABLE OF HANDLING VESSEL THIS SIZE.  
DIMENSIONS: LENGTH 400 FT, BEAM 75 FT, DRAFT 21 FT, DISPLACE  
10,500 TONS. DEPT UNDERSTANDS GOC FACILITIES TALCAHUANO  
MAY BE ADEQUATE. CAN POST ADVISE ON SUITABILITY,  
AVAILABILITY OF DRYDOCKS TO HANDLE CHALLENGER FIRST  
WEEK OF FEB? IF NOTHING AVAILABLE WEST COAST THAT TIME,  
VESSEL MAY TRY CURACAO. THIS WILL LIKELY MEAN CANCELLA-  
TION OF AT LEAST PORTION, IF NOT ALL, OF ANTARCTIC WORK FOR  
THIS SEASON DEPENDING ON DELAY INVOLVED. KISSINGER

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